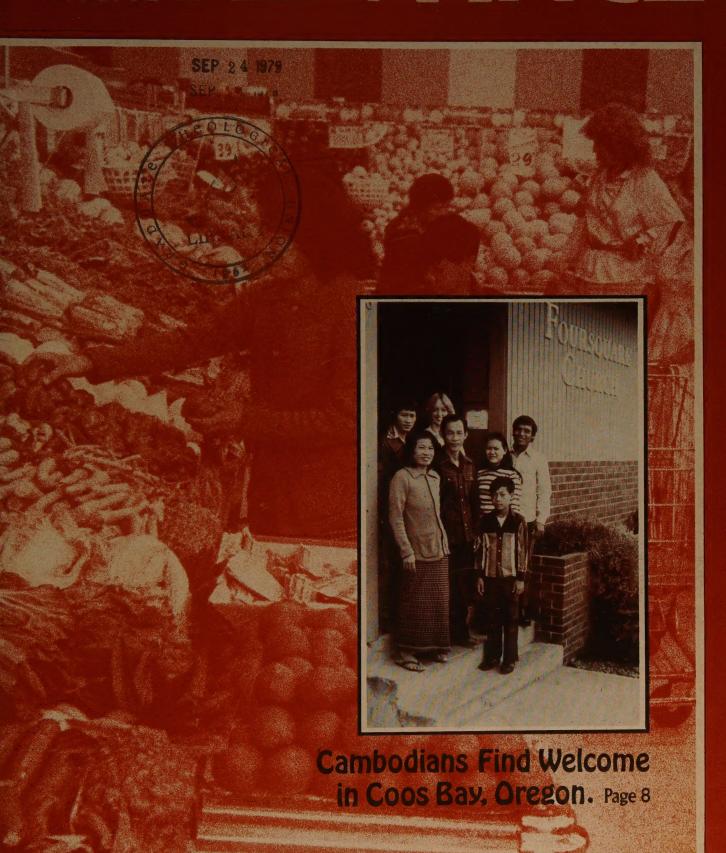
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"For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor [Give immediate help. Williams.] them that are tempted. Hebrews 2:18.

Many of us have drawn strength and courage from this promise, knowing that no matter what we are going through, Christ has felt the pain of our temptation and trial.

While Christ walked this earth. He fed the hungry, brought strength to the weary, reached out to the discouraged and outcasts, was tempted and oppressed, and brought healing to both body and soul. After His resurrection, He told His disciples that even as the Father had sent Him, so He was sending them (Jn. 20:21). And previous to His crucifixion, He said that the one who believes on Him would do greater works than that which He had done (Jn. 14:12). The enablement to accomplish these works includes not only the power of the Holy Ghost but a tangible ways to the needs of humanity.

serving in Sister Teresa's work in Calcutta, India. In approaching her, Sister Teresa responded, "You seem

to have a healthy body and two good hands and eyes. But if you are going to be of any service in Calcutta. be sure you bring your heart." On the initial day of his arrival in Calcutta, he immediately realized why she had admonished him to bring his heart when he viewed the destitute condition of those to whom she ministers.

On Pages 8 and 9 of this issue, you will read the beautiful story of a church congregation that has reached out with a heart of love and compassion to minister in very tangible ways to a group of Cambodian refugees. This group represents only one of many areas of need that exist in today's world. There are also the hungry, the homeless within their homelands, the abused, the abandoned, the orphans and the enslaved. Many of these exist within our communities.

Will we fall short of Christ's example in feeling the heart filled with compassion and love to minister in pain of the trials of others? We need not. We can determine to be a channel of God's love by minister-A relative of mine desired to spend several months ing in tangible ways to the needs of others. He desires to use us!

Dr. Howard P. Courtney, Vice President and Pastor of Angelus Temple, and Mrs. Courtney were the special guest speakers at the Eastern District Camp Meeting held July 1-7, which also marked the 10th Anniversary celebration of Camp McPherson.

General Supervisor M.E. Nicholls will minister in the Newport and Beaverton, Ore. Foursquare Churches on Sept. 23 and will serve as a guest speaker of the Northwest District Pastors' Conference, Sept. 24-26. Mrs. Nicholls will be the guest speaker at Western Canada's UFW Retreat, Sept. 28.

The Kirkland, Wash. Foursquare Church opened a Day Care Center last spring, reports Pastor Ken Klein. Supervisor L.T. Charter was present and ministered at the Dedication Service held for the new facilities of the lowa City, la. Foursquare Church. The Dedication Service of the new facilities of the Chico, Ca. Church will take place Oct. 21. Dr. M.E. Nicholls and District Supervisor Fred Wymore will minister. The mortgage of the Rialto, Ca. Foursquare Church was recently paid in full.

Four Christian Education Leadership Luncheons have been scheduled by the Western District during the months of Sept. and Oct., to be held in Bakersfield, Sacramento, San Jose and Eureka, Ca.

The following Districts have pioneered Foursquare churches in the respective cities: Western District-Winters, Ca.; Western Canada-Port Coquitlam, B.C. (Northside Chapel); and the Southwest District-Phoenix, Az. (Freedom Fellowship), Walnut, Ca.

Church Growth and Evangelism Director Donald McGregor will conduct a Church Growth Seminar in the Seattle, Wash. Foursquare Church, Sept. 6-13, and in the Southern California area, Sept. 17-

The American Bible Society announced at its 163rd annual meeting that in 1978, annual worldwide Scripture distribution by Bible Societies, for the first time, passed the half billion mark.

Theme for the 12th Pentecostal World Conference, to be held in Vancouver, B.C., Oct. 2-7, 1979, is "The Holy Spirit in the Last Days." One of the planning sessions for the conference met recently in Vancouver, B.C. with members (shown) including the following Foursquare ministers: Rev. Victor Gardner, Western Canada Supervisor, and Rev. Barry McGaffin, pastor of the Kingsway, B.C. Foursquare Church.



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Don't Blame Foursquare Summer Camps

By Ed and Ivy Stanton National Youth Ministries Directors

In 1934 Foursquare's summer camp minisry was born in the heart of Harold Chalfant. hen Angelus Temple Crusader President. We were one of the first denominations to do ummer youth camping. Foursquare was on he cutting edge of the ministry. Today, round the world, we have 192 youth camps n 19 nations.

Why do we continue in this ministry? A avorite chorus sung at camps through the years has been, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, ook full in His wonderful face, and the hings of earth will grow strangely dim. . . . n camp we have an environment that allows bouth to focus on Jesus . . . to look directly nto the Son. Society today walks in such darkness that people have grown accusomed to it and are blinded by it. Camp provides an ideal environment to improve piritual vision. By going to camp, youth are exposed to light, solid light with no distracions. They are, like Paul on the Damascus oad, hit with the light. Just as important, hey are encouraged to "walk in the light, as he is in the light.'

In camp's unique environment, absolutes et redefined. The entire time is designed to nove us towards the Lord, whereas the plan of the world is to draw us away. The conforming pressure of the world is removed and he transforming power of the Word rules! The atmosphere of camp is also designed to acilitate the moving of the Spirit. All is done with God's plan ruling. From worship to washing tables, youth are shown how to walk n the Spirit in every situation.

Not only does camp create a time for deciions to move from the world-shaped menality and lifestyle, but it also has great potential in that it is set up with a 24-hour-alay-thrust towards a positive goal. How nany are pastoring today who were called at camp? How many commitments of fresh surender to Jesus occur? How many visions are enewed? Certainly more lives have been nfluenced and shaped than our "Camper Decision" sheets record.

We are entering a new time in youth minisry, therefore we are entering a new time in camping. Because this is the last-day church,



we must take advantage of our camp time as never before. We cannot dilute our philosophy to the philosophy of: "Let's have a camp and plan everything toward a last-night breakthrough so we can get all the campers saved, or 'committed.'" It used to be that some campers came in rebellion and filled with sin. We spent the entire week trying to get them "right with the Lord." Now many of our churches are sending youth groups who love the Lord and desire to move with Him. It's no wonder that what used to take a week frequently occurs at the beginning. The "breakthrough" comes early in the week and all else builds on it. Camp is now a training station for spiritual warfare.

Camping supplements the ministry of the local church in taking youth aside and intensely shaping their minds by the teaching of the Word. Youth move from "getting right with God" to "getting prepared to go home and minister to their world." They are returning from camp ready to offensively minister on their campuses. During the recent summer youth camps we participated in, we saw over 750 campers voluntarily take part in a day of prayer and fasting to intercede for their church, their campus and community. Junior high, high school and college students across the country stood publicly and led in prayer, often with tears of compassion, for their communities.

Are youth being saved in camp? Yes! Are they being baptized with the Holy Spirit? Yes! But in addition, they are discovering who they are in Christ and what they can do to aggressively go after their communities. In the words of Paul Morton, a camper from Ohio, "I used to feel embarrassed at my own sense of weakness. In this camp I came to know what my name means. I also came to realize that the Apostle Paul-whose name I was given-battled some of the very same things I do. He said, 'When I am weak, then I am strong.' He overcame His weaknesses by the power of God and so will I. I know God can use me just as mightily as He used him."

Presumptuous? Maybe. But John the Baptist said that no man can do more than has been given him from heaven. This year's camps pointed out the land we have been given and gave instructions to move in and take it! 4

Below: Ed and Ivy Stanton ministered in 11 Foursquare Youth Camps during the summer months and saw over 750 campers voluntarily participate in a day of prayer and fasting.







A Stronghold of Hope to Prisoners of the Occult

By Reverend Jean Firth Foursquare Missionary to Colombia, South America

"Unless God does something for me, I greatly fear I shall do one of two things, perhaps both. I sense a strong compulsion to walk out on my wife and to take my life, I have not sinned, but the temptation is getting to be almost more than I can cope with." This person, a minister in the United States and well-accredited in his organization, told of an incident which took place while he was studying in Bible School some four years before. Yielding to the urge to commit suicide, he had bought and taken a full bottle of sleeping pills and had lain down in a Los Angeles park to die. However, to his surprise, he related how it seemed as if a hand had been inserted in his throat, enabling him to expel the pills. He regards this as a miraculous intervention from God.

Black Shadows

In Colombia, South America, Gilbert, an engineer and business consultant, had graduated from a university here and then gotten his Masters Degree from the Sorbonne University in Paris, France. A brilliant man, he had risen higher and higher in his profession until he became very wealthy. Pride got the upper hand in his life and, although by then he was a confirmed alcoholic, he had imagined himself impervious to failure. Then came the crash and it was total. He lost everything within a few months, and, added to all this, his young wife became blind. One asks, "Why?"

While on furlough in the States in 1971, we stayed in a minister's home. His young daughter, studying in Bible School, asked us to pray for her. She was much afraid of the dark and had to have a light burning in her room all night. Also she was afraid to be alone because she felt there was a black

shadow oppressing her. She confessed that while in high school she, with some friends, just for "kicks," had studied witchcraft. Ever since that time she had been conscious of the black shadow.

Beatrice had made two trips to India to study oriental philosophy. Throughout her whole life all she had known had been affluence and luxury. She came to us in abject poverty. What could have happened?

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We are aware, because of past experience with many such cases, that all these people referred to have been involved with occultism and need help. In each incident referred to above, the person concerned was completely unshackled after prayer and is faithfully and joyfully serving the Lord, today. Gilbert and Beatrice are being prospered even as their souls prosper, and Gilbert's wife has had her sight restored. During these last 18 years we have witnessed, literally, thousands of such captives freed from the enemy's tentacles. Satan is a hard taskmaster. In spite of the entertainment he offers unwary souls through the occult, he exacts a merciless and ghastly toll. God made man in His own image, so that there is within him an innate desire to explore the supernatural. Needless to say, there are two sources which are supernatural, God and Satan. And if man intrudes into the latter's domain, he suffers the consequences. Led on by curiosity, people begin in a seemingly innocent way, via the ouija board, the horoscope or fortunetelling unaware that God in His Word warns against participation in such things (Deut. 18:10-12; Isa. 47:13). God is neither arbitrary nor capricious, and when He forbids us to do something, it is for our good. He knows the awful suffering which will accrue to us if we disobey. This suffering He calls "defilement" and "spiritual adultery" (Lev. 19:31; 20:6). Let us consider for a moment this question of defilement.

Satan has many names and each name expresses a facet of his varied personality and explains his action or procedure. "Belial" is one of his names. It means "hopeless ruin" (Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words). Two of the people mentioned in the introduction came to utter ruin through their involvement in the occult. After prayer, both were delivered and both are members of our Bogota Foursquare Church. Fear characterized one person referred to, and God tells us that fear is a spirit (II Tim. 1:7). The "shadow" she referred to gave its name as "darkness." God has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son (Col. 1:13).

For many years God's Church has been aware of what she stands for but has been somewhat ignorant regarding the subtle and fiendish forces arraigned against her. One hears such statements as, "Satan cannot cross the bloodline" as if the blood of Christ were some sort of fetish to make us "Satanproof." The blood of Christ can only become effective in its power in our lives as we confess and forsake sin (I Jn. 1:9). Another saying is, "The Holy Spirit and an evil spirit cannot be in the same person." Luke 13:11.16 and Matthew 16:13-23 would seem to give us other thoughts on this matter. With the invasion of occultism and Eastern religions into our society, maybe it would be well to take a second look at what the Bible really does teach on these points. I might mention that all of the Epistles were written to CHRISTIANS. In Ephesians we find, "Neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27). The word in the Greek is "topos" from which we get our English word "topography." We are to give Satan no lodging-room nor occasion to manifest himself in our lives. Timothy tells us that some believers will be so deceived by giving heed to "doctrines of demons" they will depart from the faith (I Tim. 4:1). In Romans we find these words: "Know ve not, that to WHOM ve vield vourselves servants [Greek: "doulos" means slavel to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Rom. 6:16). We have similar teaching in the First Chapter of James. These admonitions of the Word, we cannot ignore, nor by repeating popular savings lull ourselves into a false security. A Christian cannot be demon possessed. However, many Christians are oppressed and some of them are in mental institutions. Sometimes this has been the result of involvement in drugs and the occult. When we are born again of the Spirit of God, Christ enters into our spirits and from there begins the process of transforming the whole person (Rom. 8:29).

1dolatry & Suffering

From the earliest times, God forbade occultism as spiritually defiling. It is, in reality, seeking supernatural help from another god. Satan is the god of this world. The Lord tells us that participation in the occult is "abomination" to him (Deut. 18:12). This and idolatry were the sins for which Israel went into captivity. Idolatry in itself is similar to occultism and is communication with evil spirits (I Cor. 10:19–20). A person opens his being to occult bondage through the horoscope, the ouija board, spiritualistic seances, religious cults, transcendental meditation,

yoga, hypnotism, etc. No one who deals in these practices gets off free. There is always bondage and suffering.

One word about hypnosis. Although considered by many, even Christians, to be inoffensive, hypnotism is very dangerous. Witch doctors and mentalists have practiced this art from time immemorial. Since many Christians have been hypnotized by psychiatrists, physicians and dentists, we must deal with it. The American Medical Association has taken a decided stand against this practice and declares that as a cure it can be dynamite. Hypnosis is in itself Satanic in that mind control violates the principle of selfwill which God gave to man as part of His own being and which He never infringes upon. In hypnosis, the conscious mind recedes and the subconscious is brought into dominance. As the hypnotist invades the privacy of a person's mind, evil spirits take advantage and enter. God intends man always to be king on the throne of his mind. To turn over one's mind and will, even temporarily to a hypnotist, is merely to make it more easily subject to sinister forces. We have found, in dealing with many people who have at one time been hypnotized that they find great difficulty in praying and reading the Word. Many times we have cast out the spirit of hypnotism and found it to be very strong and defiant.

Path of Freedom

If at any time you have been involved in the occult-no matter now long ago-(time does not make any difference), confess to the Lord in detail your involvement. Renounce all contact with the occult, destroying any amulets, ouija boards, books on occultism, or any objects used in that way. Destroy images of any kind, including Buddhas (Acts 19:19-20). Pardon all those who have at any time offended you (Mk. 11:24-26). Tell the enemy that you repudiate all contact you have had with him through occultism. Then command every bondage to leave and assert your position in Christ (Ja. 4:7). From this point it is very important that you obey the Lord in all that He reveals to you. The path of obedience is always the path of freedom. Witness to others, when the opportunity arises, as to what God has done in your life when He freed you from all Satanic bondage. "They shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors. And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, . . . " (Isa. 14:2b, 3).



Rev. Jean-Firth has seen God deliver thousands who were enslaved by witchcraft, the occult and spiritism.

DEODIE:

The Conversion of a Warlock

Jim Martz, along with his wife, Irene, serve together as assisting ministers in the Boulder, Colo. Foursquare Church, fulfilling the responsibilities of Coordinators of Christian Education.



How can a young man who was raised in a Christian home by godly parents and who attended a Pentecostal Church which reinforced his home training, one day become a warlock—a male witch?

The testimony of Jim Martz, presently an assisting minister of the Boulder, Colorado Foursquare Church, will answer this question. Accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 10 under the ministry of the Glendale, California Foursquare Church, rebellion began to find a place in Jim's heart when he was a teenager, and a hunger for power possessed him.

Jim rebelled not only against his parents' discipline and what they knew was best for him, but he also rebelled against God's will for his life. He tried to escape God's voice by running away to the Navy. Jim shares, "I came to the realization that God wanted me to go to Bible College to prepare for a ministry of evangelism to young people. But fear and rebellion grabbed a hold of me. I was afraid that God was calling me to accomplish a ministry that was beyond what I felt I could actually accomplish."

Today Jim realizes that a refusal to accept God's will can open a person to rebellion with all of its havoc. The first thing Jim experimented with in the Navy were drugs, which he thought would free him from fulfilling God's will. However, he found that he wasn't really free at all but, rather, he was becoming more bound up and confused. During this time, the Lord seemed to keep His hand on Jim's life, as even 10 tabs of LSD did not affect him as it did others.

With drugs having no effect on Jim's body or mind, he started reading books and writings which dealt with witchcraft, sorcery, tarot cards, and different areas of palmistry, astrology, and the horoscope. "I had also acquired a ouija board just after I left home for the Navy," states Jim. "And I also became involved with the Satanic Church in San Francisco where I got into a demonology study."

It was after several years of study and practicing witchcraft that Jim became a war-lock. This provided him with the opportunity to obtain power and possess authority over other people. Instead of receiving the power to minister under the direction of the Holy Spirit, which the Lord wanted to give to him, Jim chose, instead, to rebel and receive the power of an evil spirit. Although Jim could do

many things with this power, he still did not possess a satisfying peace or happiness.

Because the chaplain of the ship on which Jim was assigned was also in charge of the ship's library, Jim made application to become the chaplain's assistant. Receiving this assignment afforded him the opportunity to hide all his witchcraft implements in the library. During the Worship Services on Sundays, Jim would disrupt and bring confusion and chaos between the Christians and the chaplain. Despite his efforts to be a tool in Satan's hand, the Lord was able to get through to him through the witness of Spiritfilled Christians aboard the ship. "While I would be working in my witchcraft area, the Spirit-filled Christians would tell me, 'God' loves you,' or they would quote scripture to me," shares Jim. "It would really bug me, but the Holy Spirit was using them to convict me and to remind me of what I had learned during my childhood."

In addition to the fact that Jim's parents; and Christian friends were praying for him, there was a particular incident that also caused Jim to turn back to God. One day, he observed several of his friends attempting to choke two Spirit-filled Christians who had begun praising the Lord in their heavenly language. Although they exerted all their strength to choke these Christians, Jim watched as the trembling hands of his friends: came within inches of the Christians' throats. but they could not choke them. Jim testifies, "When I saw that those under the influence of Satanic power could not touch the Spiritfilled Christians, it was an important factor that caused me to turn back to God.'

Following his return to Christ and his deliverance, Jim Martz enrolled in L.I.F.E. Bible College. Still feeling the oppression of the enemy, he met with Reverend Charles Shoemake, then Dean of Students, for counsel. "It is really hard to say what happened inside. It was like the Holy Spirit was fighting a battle for me," shares Jim. "During my conversation with Reverend Shoemake, I learned that Satan did not treasure me, but instead he hated me and had actually been trying to kill me. I was able to claim I John 4:4, '... greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.' At that time Jesus Christ set me free from the oppression of the enemy."

Graduating from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1976, Jim accepted the appointment as an assisting minister in the Boulder, Colorado Foursquare Church where he continues to serve. And God is using Jim's experiences to warn others that rebellion is indeed like the sin of witchcraft (I Sam. 15:23), and that only by obeying God can one experience true freedom and life in Jesus Christ.

Special events:

IUBILEE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED IN DES MOINES, IOWA

A revival campaign, held in 1927 by Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson at the old coliseum in Des Moines, Iowa, has resulted in over 50 years of Foursquare Gospel ministry to this city. Members and friends of the Des Moines, Iowa Foursquare Church, pastored by Reverend and Mrs. Harvey Ross, commemorated 50 years of ministry at an Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 8, 1979.

Following the 1927 revival campaign, a skating rink was used to hold services and was called the Des Moines Gospel Tabernacle. In 1928 the name was changed to Foursquare Gospel Lighthouse and the church was housed in a variety of buildings until 1933 when a tabernacle was purchased and

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again Sister McPherson arrived for a revival campaign. The tabernacle, often known as the "sheepshed" because of its sawdust floors and large empty spaces, was torn down in 1938. A cement block building with a brick front and Sunday School rooms provided in the basement was built to replace the tabernacle. This church building served the Foursquare church until it was sold to the State of Iowa in 1969 and another church building was purchased and remodeled. In 1974 the present church, Evangel Chapel Foursquare Church, was erected on five acres of ground.

The anniversary event included the expression of greetings received through letters and tapes from former pastors, a time of reminiscing and expressions of praise to God from those present, as well as a lovely potluck dinner served in the afternoon. Several members, who have attended the church Top: Pastor Harvey Ross (left) from its beginning, were acknowledged on accepts plaque of recognition this special occasion. Pastor Ross challenged the congregation in the Sunday Morning Worship Service, and District Supervisor L.T. Charter ministered as well in the Sunday service.





from Supervisor L. T. Charter which was presented to the Des Moines, Ia. Church for 50 years of ministry. Above: Members and friends enjoy 50th Anniversary potluck dinner.

By Bill Jastram

concepts of the Church:

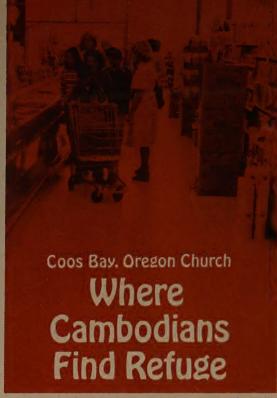
It's an interesting process, how they refine silver. It seems the impurities in silver only come out with the application of intense heat. The silver is melted down to a liquid and at a certain point the impurities rise to the surface. It's at this point where the silversmith, with his experienced eye, spots the impurities and carefully scoops them off the top. He is always careful to leave the best and scoop the rest.

After the impurities are removed, the molten silver is qualified to be placed into a mold. There it is created into the image desired by the silversmith.

It seems the writers of the New Testament had this very process in mind when they referred to testing. Peter put it this way: "Who [you] are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:5-7, NAS).



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the local church:

More than one-quarter million people from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam are in refugee camps scattered throughout Southeast Asia. Recently, Malaysia put 75,000 such refugees out to sea and its leaders have stated that they will kill any who try to return. Some of these refugees, who have become known as the "boat people", are crammed into small boats desperately hanging on for dear life in the rugged ocean waters with no food or drinking water. Those who are Christians are praying for help from somewhere.

Help has come for six such refugees as the Coos Bay, Oregon Foursquare Church has reached out with Christ's love and recently become the sponsors of six Cambodians. Although they are not all of one family, these six refugees have chosen to remain together. They consist of Eng Chourp Tang, 49, his wife, Kouy Eng Sav, 47, and their son Eng Tang Din, age 12. Also, a young couple, Iem Sanguon and Chil Iem Pon, ages 28 and 25, as well as a single young man, Doung Savat, 21, are a part of those that the Coos Bay Church congregation has come to love and support.

The burden began in the hearts of Reverend and Mrs. Kip Stittner, assisting ministers at the Coos Bay Church. Kip and Cindy share, "Over the past few years we have had a strong burden for the various groups of suffering, hungry and afflicted peoples of the world. A particular area of concern was the refugees of Southeast Asia—the boat people of Viet Nam and the many Cambodians fleeing into Thailand."

A growing group of individuals in the church were also sharing this same burden

for the Indo-Chinese refugees. The learned that their church could a Southeast Asian refugees to come United States through the Christian zation, World Relief Refugee Services sion of the National Association of Ecals. Pastor Ron Hopfer readily apand supported this burden to sponsor gee family, and soon plans were under become a sponsor. A few days la church received a phone call from informing them of a group of six a from Cambodia in need of a sponsor

As this kind of commitment woulded the support and interest of the entire body, a Sunday morning service was a to submitting to the church the december of submitting to the church the december of congregation was overwhelming and thusiasm exuberant. Within one were viduals in the church body had so nearly all the furniture, blankets, clothes and other household items the needed. Though they had not yet a group of Cambodian refugees, the God was poured out immediately to people through members of the church

Today the Cambodians attend the services of the Coos Bay Church on a basis, although the church has not ma attendance mandatory. They appear: attending the services and always smile and warm greeting for every four of the refugees are Christians, it been difficult for them to accept the they encounter at the Coos Bay Chur not known how they came to know to but upon their arrival, Mr. Chourp (on Christians) had a Bible in his possesss remaining two are Buddhists, which bodia's state religion. While living refugee camp in Thailand, they were witnessed to by the four Christia when they were to receive sponsors I United States, they asked to remain them. It is possible that they, too, Christians, but because of commun barriers it is not known for sure at the Although all six refugees speak a m of English, they do not understand I what takes place in the services. N less, they do recognize that the com which brought them to America is evi in the worship that happens in the s

Information regarding the backgrothese people is very limited and will so until they are able to speak Englienough to share details concerning that is known that they all formerly Battambang, a large city in west Cas All the men have had some education

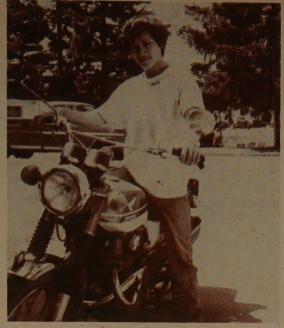
ve meant death for them if they had Cambodia, as all citizens with an above that of the third grade were tilled. At the risk of their lives, they nearby Thailand where they have last four to five years waiting in an ded refugee camp for someone to hem in the beginning of a new life in untry. Before fleeing, several spent Communist forced labor camps med soldiers watched their every is most probable that they have all ly members in the senseless masso many of the Cambodian people. evat, for instance, fled his homeland s ago at the age of 16 and has not m his family since that time.

ition to being responsible for the well-being of the six Cambodians y are able to care for themselves lly, the people of the Coos Bay are also endeavoring to teach them wo hours a day and six days a week. I college, Southwest Oregon Comcollege, provided an evening of infor the church folk who volung assist in teaching the refugees in the fall, the refugees will enroll in sh As a Second Language Course at ge. They are very eager to learn the

anguage.

ally, the Cambodians are adjusting . They are rapid learners and realize must make the adjustment to Amerure, language, and modern lifestyle. ner adds, "They are extremely neat strious, and are constantly working r hands. While they lived with famine church their first month in the states, they insisted on sharing in duties and housework. They have be very faithful and hard working b which they have been given. The ans are a very humble, unassuming hey have been deeply grateful to the the church for all the gifts, time and n to them. We have discovered that universal language. The more love them, the more we receive in return. rmth, love and humility have won s of all in the church."





This entire experience has caused many in the Coos Bay Foursquare Church to minister on a level they had not entered into before and to experience the unity of the Body of Christ, regardless of race, color or language. This has been especially true for the families who opened their homes to the refugees. (The church has now supplied a home in which the Cambodians live.) These families learned what it was to sacrifice their time and other priorities for people who were totally dependent upon them. Their reward is a lifetime friendship, as well as treasures laid up in heaven "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matt. 6:20). In addition, the people of the church have learned that prosperity from God is not to become stagnant in meeting their own desires, but it is to flow freely in ministering to others who are not as financially prosperous.

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth" (I John 3:16-18 NASB).



INTERNATIONAL FOURSQUARE CONVENTION

April 23-29, 1980 Angelus Temple, Los Angeles, Ca. Chairman: Reverend John Holland



Below: Reverend and Mrs. Mason Hughes, Jr., missionaries to Papua New Guinea; Missionaries and national leaders from Foursquare works in each of our Asian fields gather under archway with Dr. and Mrs. Leland Edwards and Pastor Jerry Cook of the U.S. for Asian Leadership Conference, held in Hong Kong. Above right: Over 8,000 people, including students, attended the 25th Anniversary Service of the Dae-Sung Education Foundation Christian Schools, recently held in Korea; Pastor Hooper White of Torrance, Ca. speaking at Dedication Service of the new sanctuary of the Taejon, Korea Foursquare Church.







international update:

DATE LINE: Asia

Asia contains 57 percent of the world's population and by the turn of the century it will claim over 70 percent. Realizing the need to present the Gospel to these people in the most effective way, a time of planning was held at an Asian Leadership Conference in Hong Kong. One missionary and two national leaders from each of our Asian fields met with Dr. Leland Edwards, Director of Foursquare Missions, International, to formulate plans of outreach. Reverend Jerry Cook, pastor of the Gresham, Oregon Foursquare Church, ministered from the Word to the group each day. A Coordinating Council made up of the following members was appointed: Reverend Ron Williams of Hong Kong, Chairman; Reverend Ernesto Lagasca of the Philippines, Secretary; Reverend David Masui of Japan, Treasurer; and Dr. Leland Edwards, Honorary Chairman. Plans are being made for the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Foursquare Church in Japan, an Asian Youth Congress in Hong

Kong in 1981, and a General Assembly for Asia in the fall of 1982. At the Asian Leadership Conference plans and a vision for each field were shared and considered along with a total plan of coordination and vision for Asia in general. Every possible effort is being made to evangelize each Asian country.

Philippines—Kikilo, on the island of Leyte, is notorious as a place that is a stronghold of Satan and, as such, is much opposed to the preaching of the Gospel. Rewell Buctuan, a spring graduate of the Cebu Foursquare Bible College, was directed by God to take the story of God's love to this town.

In less than two months, Rewell had witnessed a real moving of the Holy Spirit, especially among the youth. In the first weeks, he baptized 11 young people in water. But opposition became stronger and Rewell's life was even attacked!

In a recent letter Rewell writes: "Because we have been reaching many lives for Christ, the opposition of Satan is felt. First, our church was stoned during services. Then two men at tempted to kill me in order to stop the influence of the Gospel. One afternoon we were practicing our music for the service and two men entered. As they walked too ward me, one man pulled out his gun and pulled the trigger. But praise God, there was something wrong with the gun and it did not go off.

"Leaving, the man became very angry and decided to kill mowith his long knife. That night they searched the area for me... did not know of their actions but at the same time I was praying for these men. After a time of prayer, felt assured that God would am swer my prayer, so I went to sleep.

"Early in the morning, when awoke, someone called me to come outside. There I saw the same two men who had at tempted to take my life. The asked forgiveness of me for what they had tried to do. I told them that regardless of what they had done, I still loved them because of Jesus. Then I told them about Christ.

"Praise the Lord! He is a prayer-answering God! One of hese men is now attending our church and both promised that they would protect me any time I needed protection."

Reverend Ralph Elmore, Supervisor of the East Visayas District, states that in their Bible College hey are training many young people, such as Rewell, to boldly go forth and proclaim the Gospel of Christ and to persuade men to become His disciples. "It's a joy and privilege to see God's power in action through persons such as Rewell in these great days of harvest in the Philippines,'' states Missionary Elmore.

Korea—The Foursquare people of Korea have experienced two exciting events recently. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Dae-Sung Education Foundation Christian Schools was held in the city auditorium in **Taejon**. Over **8,000** people attended with many dignitaries of the city present to nonor Mr. and Mrs. Seen OK Ahn, pastors and founders. The schools now have an enrollment of over 8,500 students, and 300 teachers from the five schools. The first school began in 1954 with 383 students.

Last spring the new sanctuary of the Taejon Foursquare Church was dedicated with Reverend Hooper White, pastor of the Torrance, California Foursquare Church, guest speaker. This beautiful addition to the present church seats 1,000 people. Reverend and Mrs. Ron Meyers are

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the Foursquare missionaries now serving in Korea.

DATE LINE: Latin America

Venezuela-Reverend Loren Edwards, Supervisor of the Foursquare churches in Venezuela, writes: "I've just completed a series of Pastor's Seminars which were attended by 40 pastors from all four regions of the country. The pastors were greatly stimulated, and many made positive assessments. Among topics considered were: Motivational Gifts, and The Christian Home.

"God is also working in the area of the training of workers. When the new trimester opened in the Bible Institute in San Cristobal, a record number of 60 students was enrolled."

DATE LINE: The Caribbean

Jamaica—A land greatly in need of the prayers of God's people has recently witnessed a victory—that of the sending forth of trained workers to preach the Gospel. The Foursquare Bible College climaxed the school year with the graduation of eight students. These young people are now prepared to engage in ministries in the many areas of church leadership. Two of these graduates started pioneer works and will now be pastoring these churches. Reverend Moris Dubdante, a former graduate, was the guest speaker at the graduation exercises

Reverend Harold Curtis, Supervisor of the Jamaican work, stated that in addition to the present Bible College training, plans are being laid down to begin a Theological Education by Extension Program this month.

DATE LINE: South Pacific

Papua New Guinea-Maria, a graduate of the Foursquare Pidgin Bible School, received word that her mother had died. On her return trip home, she was surprised that instead of great sorrow, her heart was at peace. "The Lord spoke to my heart to

pray for my Mother when I arrived home so that she would come back to life," says Maria. "I had to ride the bus, then walk about four or five hours to get to my village. During my walk I thought much about what the Lord said to me, and I was afraid of what all the people would say if I did this.

"When I arrived at my village everyone was yelling and crying. The men had already returned from Kainantu where they had bought the wooden casket and were now digging the hole in preparation for the funeral. I walked to the hut where they had laid my Mother and told the people that I wanted to pray for her. They all began to laugh, saying that my mother had been dead a long time and it was foolish for me to pray.

"The Lord spoke to my heart again that I should pray for my Mother, so I went inside the hut and laid my hands on her body. When I felt how cold and stiff she was, I began to doubt again, but, nevertheless, I began to pray and as I prayed, the Lord encouraged my heart. I knew He was going to give her life back. After a time of prayer, I went outside and told the people that my Mother was going to live again. Since I had not eaten for some time, I went to a friend's home and they prepared some food for me. While we were eating, we heard a different kind of yelling. When we went outside we saw my Mother walking around. God had restored her to

"My Mother testifies that she had been to Heaven and someone had taken her to a place where there were many houses. He pointed to one and said, 'That one is for you, but you must return to earth now. You may have it later.' '' 4

COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

MISSIONS

in your Bible:

Spiritual Maturity in the First Epistle of John KNOWING & GROWING



By Reverend James E. Clark Pastor, Norwalk, California Foursquare Church

John, a warm-hearted disciple of Jesus, who was changed from a "Son of Thunder" to a "Son of Love" desires that all believers "experience" Christ as he did. Recognizing that the spirit of the Antichrist seeks to deceive believers as they progress in their relationship with Christ, he delineates the very truths which provide knowledge for their continual growth.

Beginning by recognizing the patterns of spiritual maturity, John writes to encourage believers in their maturity. The "children have their sins forgiven," the "young men have done spiritual battle and are victorious," and the "fathers know Him who is from the beginning." By delineating these patterns, John is encouraging believers to progress in their knowledge and relationship with Christ.

Believers have a spiritual age as well as a physical age. This is because we have been "born again" in the spiritual sense. Therefore, we can grow in spiritual maturity as we do in physical and social maturity. It will be helpful for us to consider "spiritual ages" as "little children being feeble and imperfect; young men being powerful and able; and fathers being thinkers."

John then shows that we can know our "spiritual age" by understanding what we have gained by experience. The "little children's sins have been forgiven and they know the Father" (2:12-13); the "young men are strong and have overcome the evil one" (2:14); and the "fathers know Him who is from the beginning" (2:14). When we realize that our sins have been forgiven, we know through life experience that we are now "little children." When we have overcome the evil one we know through life experience that we are now "young men." And when we are enjoying an inner-personal relationship with God Himself, we know through life experience that we are now "fathers." Because John so thoughtfully put himself in our place as he wrote, each believer can understand his spiritual age.

The possibility of spiritual maturity is available to all believers. By "knowing the truth and allowing it to abide in us" through the experiences of life, the believer can progress in spiritual age (2:14, 21). The Word of

God has now become our "food for the soul and sword of the warrior."

To assist believers in continuing to grow. John issues, a warning. He warns believers about being deceived by the anti-Christian spirit which is resident within the children of the devil. The person who practices unrighteousness and/or the person who denies that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of the devil. Therefore, we are admonished that test the spirit of the person who is talking.

By understanding God's salvation, we will be better able to test the spirit of the person who is talking. The scope of salvation is that man may have a right standing with God as well as a right standing with himself (Rom. 4.5; 8:1). Through Jesus Christ, our Propitiation, the believer has forgiveness of sins because Christ satisfied the just demands of the law. Thus, His death provides the believer with a right standing with God (2:2). And by His resurrection, Christ destroyed the works of the devil, whereby the believer now has a right standing with himself (I Jn. 3:8; Heb.) 2:14; I Cor. 15; Rom 8:1).

The devil, a slanderer, accuses the believer with accusations which are harmful to his character. The devil is the channel throughly whom these false accusations flow to our mind. Their designated purpose is to restrain our spiritual maturity. Inclusive in salvations is that Christ has destroyed the authority of those accusations. The believer need not accept them but now has the authority to reject them. Nothing hinders the spiritual progress of an earnest believer more than believing the false accusations of the enemy. They may be in the form of "thought bombs" exploded in one's mind or false statements propagated by other men.

As we have seen, knowledge of the scope of salvation is a key factor in assisting the believer to recognize his "spiritual age," in knowing how to "test the spirits," and in understanding that Christ has already destroyed the works of the devil.

The application of these life-changing truths to our life will bring victory in the present situations of life and progress in our relationship with Christ. To discover your "spiritual age" will enable you to know how you are growing.

nside our Foursquare family:

nurch Body Ministers Men of British Cruiser

Last year the congregation of the ational City, Ca. Foursquare nurch shared in ministry with 16 en of the British Cruiser HMS ake which was docked in San ego, Ca. for one month. Pastor en Nichols reports that the results this brief ministry has, today, tended to the homes of these



en in Portsmouth, England, It all began when a couple in this nurch invited men of the Blake to eir home for fellowship. Sending ord through the Chaplain's Office poard ship, one man who served the ship's Anglican Lay Leader, sponded. Attending a Sunday ervice in the Foursquare church, is man then began bringing hers to the services who were om Anglican, Catholic and entecostal backgrounds. Ministering the Word to these en with fellowship and hospitality, e congregation was, in turn, inistered to as the men emonstrated a genuine nthusiasm for the Word of God nd the flow of the Holy Spirit, hich resulted in an excitement and vival among the church body. hristian fellowship was further hanced as the church hosted em for meals with members of the ongregation and in homes. During the final week of their stay San Diego, the men ministered in

ong and word during a Sunday ening service. At this service two the men were baptized in the oly Spirit, one a Roman Catholic nd the other an Anglican.

Before the Blake's departure, the nurch leadership was given an portunity to counsel with the adership aboard the ship and ncourage it in the continuance of ministry. Since that time they ave received word from the men at God has enlarged their llowship and several more have ome to the Lord for salvation.

Community Concern: Headquarters Ministries:

Several changes in Headquarters personnel have taken place in recent months which involve the staffs of the National Department of Youth and Christian Education, and Angelus Temple.

Dr. M.E. Nicholls, General Field Supervisor, and Rev. John W. Bowers, Director of the National Department of Youth and Christian Education, announce the resignation of Rev. Mary Lou Canata as Children's Ministries Director and the appointment of Rev. Betty Ewens as Children's Ministries Consultant.

Serving in the Department of Youth and Christian Education for over 13 years, with considerable field ministry, Miss Canata felt led to serve in a local church, and thus on June 15 began full-time ministry at Angelus Temple as Minister of Communications.

Miss Ewens came to the National

Department on July I with considerable background in children's work, including Director of Children's Ministries in a local church and District Children's Evangelist. As well as serving as a Children's Consultant, her field ministry will include various other aspects of Christian education to the field. Miss Ewens ministered in camps and in Children's Crusades this past summer and will broaden her scope of field ministry this fall on the Great Lakes District.

Dr. Howard P. Courtney, pastor of Angelus Temple, announces the appointment of Rev. and Mrs. Delmar S. Walker as Ministers of Senior Adults, effective May I Pastoring for 25 years in the Great Lakes District, the Walkers have been very active in Angelus Temple's ministry in recent years serving as the teachers of the Victory Bible Class and Chaplains of the Prayer Ministry, Mrs. Walker also serves as the Recording Secretary in the church office







(Left to right): Rev. Mary Lou Canata, Rev. Betty Ewens, and Rev. and Mrs. Delmar S. Walker.

Church:

Ministers Honored On Retirement

On Sunday, April 22, 1979, the congregation of the Bakersfield, Ca. Foursquare Church honored their former pastors of 23 years, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Keith, on the occasion of the completion of 36 vears of ministry.

Present pastor, Rev. Jackson Cooper, reports that in the Sunday Morning Service a lovely plaque from the International Board of Directors was presented to the Keiths for their many years of faithful ministry. A lovely bouquet of red roses was also presented to Mrs. Keith. Following the service members and friends gathered for a lovely meal served in the Keiths' honor. At this time a money tree was presented to them as an expression of love.



Several quest musical groups were present to minister, as well as special ministry in music provided by several members of the congregation. Rev. and Mrs. Keith are now residing in Mona, Utah.

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Keith (center) accept plaque of recognition and roses from Pastor and Mrs. Jackson Cooper of the Bakersfield, Ca. Church.

more family:

Jubilee Celebration Newton, lowa

Four days of special services were conducted in June to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Newton, la. Foursquare Church, report Pastor and Mrs. Ellis Ryherd.

Rev. Ryherd ministered in the opening service on Thursday evening from Leviticus 25:8-24. A group of pastors and other guests toured points of interest in Newton on Friday morning. In the evening, a lovely banquet was held with Dr. Charles Hollis, former pastor and present pastor of Moline, III. Gospel Temple, the guest speaker. In the rally that followed, Dave and Peggy Ross, former Youth Ministers, were Supervisor L. T. present with Dave the rally speaker.

Charter (left) presents

District Supervisor L.T. Charter plaque to Pastor Ellis ministered in the Sunday Morning Ryherd. Service and presented a plaque to



the congregation on behalf of the International Board of Directors in recognition of 50 years of faithful ministry. Preceded with an afternoon picnic, the closing Evening Service had as its guest speaker Dr. Charles Leaming who was the church's first Evangelist Pastor. Several of the first church council members and charter

members were present on this occasion as well as friends and Foursquare church members from the area.



Debbie Cottenmyre leads in worship at Angelus Temple UFW Luncheon. Mrs. Diana Brenggold, a plane crash victim who lost her husband and three children in the crash, gave testimony of God's grace proving sufficient in times of adversity. Mrs. Charles Tate serves as this chapter's president.

Terrie Brown Excels In Girls' Cross Country

At age 15, Teresa (Terrie) Lynn Brown has been described as the "outstanding distance specialistfrom San Pasqual High," Terrie, a high school junior from Escondido, Ca. runs 6 to 10 miles every day and is a two-time C.I.F. Champion



Photo by Bill Cheney Photographer

in the Cross Country 2-mile. She has also placed second in the 2mile track event and second in the Jack-in-the-Box Indoor Invitational I-Mile with a time of 5.13.9.

Terrie attends the Cathedral of the Valley Foursquare Church in Escondido and has been a Christian for seven years. Active in the church's youth program, Terrie leads a dedicated Christian life. Following high school she plans to pursue a career in nursing.

Youth:

Young Adults Participate In Missions Program

The Young Adult Youth Group of the Mehlville, Mo. Foursquare Church displayed beautiful handmade posters in a Missionary Youth Service which depicted Bible verses relating to missions. The scriptures served to challenge Christians to present themselves a living sacrifice unto the Lord.

This youth group has a burning desire to see souls saved and a



concern to see an increase in the support of the missions program.

Marie Rosenberger

Present with the Lord:

Edith Blankenship

Graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College in the Pilgrim's Class of January, 1934.

Leo McKinney Harrison

Graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College in 1944 and was ordained the same year. Rev. Harrison pioneered the Tulare, Ca. Foursquare Church and pastored there until his passing on May 6, 1979

Chester L. Hoffman

Rev. Hoffman was ordained in 1935

Marie Rosenberger

A 1950 graduate of L.I.F.E. Bible College, Mrs. Rosenberger served with her husband, Rev. Herman Rosenberger, in the ministry for nearly 30 years. She passed away, June 18, 1979. Known for her personal charm, warm smile, and friendliness, Mrs. Rosenberger endeared herself to the congregations where she and her husband served. Especially was this true in her relationship with the Granada Hills, Ca. Foursquare Church where the Rosenbergers have pastored for nearly four years.

Ordained in 1965, Mrs. Rosenberger was active in the United Foursquare Women's Ministries in the Great Lakes District. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, and her mother.

Beatrice F. Shelby

Graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College in the Reaper's Class of June, 1939.

Helen Worlitz

Graduated from L.I.F.E. Bible College in the Pathfinder's Class of January, 1942

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Gas-eluiah!"

Don't look up this word in your dictionary. sn't there-probaby never will be. I coined word to embody a concept which merits

pression in your vocabulary.

as-elujah represents a combination of the m gasoline with the great praise word halujah which in every language exclaims aise lehovah" or commands "Praise ve

Praise the Lord for gasoline. Hallelujah nether supplies reflect shortages or suruses! Hallelujah whether the fuel tank is full empty or somewhere in between! Halleluon odd days of the month if your license ate ends with an even number, as well as llelujah on even dates, and vice versa! Halujah when flags are yellow or red as well as nen they are green. Hallelujah whether the vernment imposes rationing or not. novah-jireh (the Lord will provide), so gasijah! Petroleum shortages, whether shortlong-lived, offer an opportunity for bevers to practice as well as profess Philipans 4:6 and for God to perform Philippians So instead of panicking, we can praise d. Interned American missionaries in Japan ring World War II sang continuously, raise God from whom all blessings flow."

One victim of that imprisonment testified, "The more we praised God, the more the blessings flowed."

Dr. Jack Hayford, pastor of the First Foursquare Church of Van Nuys, California, penned a tremendous paraphrase of Matthew 6:25-34, applying the general teaching of Jesus there to the gasoline shortage, specifically. Although space does not permit a complete reproduction of the paraphrase, ponder, please, the following excerpts: "Take no thought for your car, how it shall be gassed . . . Isn't life more than gasoline, and your living more than mere wheels? Look at the birds. They aren't worrying, . . . nor waiting in line; yet your heavenly Father provides their fuel for flight. Don't you realize you're much more important to Him than they are? Which of you by worrying about it can add a single gallon to your gas tank? . . . So I say to you: Don't frustrate yourself with worrying such as: Will I have enough gasoline? How long will the energy crisis last? How can I afford a different car to get better mileage?. : . You do this. Make your priority the converting of every moment into a ministry opportunity. (Make gas lines prayer times; Transform fretting with praise; Radiate life instead of griping about oil). Do it-and you'll find you have everything you need. . . ."

So "gas-elujah!" Your heavenly Father knows your needs and He will supply in His own way, and His way is always best. God may not guarantee your present lifestyle, but He does guarantee to cause all things to work together for His glory and your good (cf. Rom. 8:28). So "oil-elujah" too!



omen's Feature Appreciated THREE CHEERS FOR YOUR MAY, 1979

SUE, "WOMEN IN MINISTRY"!

I am one of many who can say I grew up in e Foursquare Church. I believe this has a emendous bearing on my attitude as a

ristian woman in today's world.

As a little girl, my life was influenced as ich, and maybe more, by the women miniss as by the male ones. Our pastors were ways a team. Even now I feel a warm glow nen I remember Sister Ira Wallick, Sister bbie Moore, Sister Elma Boreman and any others.

The amazing thing is that I can hardly call what they looked like. I only have a ental picture of a loving person clad in a wing Foursquare uniform reaching out to

me. It seems to me, the uniform obliterated their personalities, as Christ's blood has covered my sins. I was only conscious of what they stood for, and that being Christ.

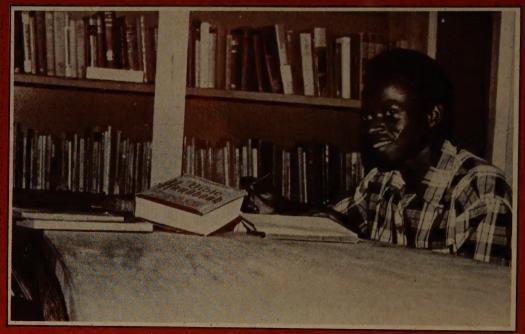
In this day, when so many women are striving for liberation in the world and the church, it would behoove us to remember our beginnings. Thank God, Aimee Semple Mc-Pherson was a God-liberated, woman preacher. I believe it was her vision that we all, men and women, be equal in our labor for God and His Church, I believe it was not God's plan or her intention that either man or woman be one above the other in the Foursquare Church. I pray the church will never lose sight of this.

Thank you again for the wonderful issue. I feel a new arising in the Foursquare Organi-

M.V.P.

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